



Agriculture in the Classroom NL hosts Family Fun Night at NL Federation of Agriculture's Agriculture Expos!

Monday, September 8, 2025- Agriculture in the Classroom Newfoundland and Labrador (AITC-NL) will be hosting a Family Fun Night during the opening night of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture's Agriculture Expos. The Agriculture Expos will be taking place from September 12 to 14 in Corner Brook at the Civic Centre and October 3 to 5 in Grand Falls-Windsor at the Joe Byrne Arena.

Family Fun Night will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Friday, September 12 (Corner Brook) and Friday, October 3 (Grand Falls-Windsor). This will be a night to celebrate the Agriculture Expos' opening to the public and focus on some exciting extras for children and families that attend! Children will get to paint a wooden ornament, colour, meet and hold live red wiggler worms, participate in a Blossom scavenger hunt, and much more!

Agriculture in the Classroom NL is launching a new storybook called "Hay! Have You Herd?" The first 100 families that visit the AITC-NL booth at both Family Fun Nights will receive a free copy of the new storybook (one per family).

"Hay, Have You Herd?" follows Abby as she spends the day career shadowing a livestock veterinarian. As they visit farms and care for animals like cows, sheep, and chickens, Abby learns how the vet helps farmers to keep the animals healthy and comfortable. Along the way, she discovers how veterinary care helps ensure that the food we eat—from milk and eggs to meat—is safe and nutritious.

"It's so important to teach our youth about where their food comes from. Initiatives like this one from Agriculture in the Classroom Newfoundland and Labrador engage young people about agriculture and help to inspire the next generation of farmers," says the Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

"Agriculture in the Classroom NL has worked hard to educate youth about the agriculture industry here in NL and storybooks such as 'Hay, Have You Herd' are great resources." says Wayne Simmons, President of NLFA. "Through Abby's eyes, readers gain an appreciation for the important role veterinarians play in animal welfare and maintaining a healthy food system in our province."

AITC-NL activities are funded in part by the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year (2023-2028), \$3.5-billion agreement between federal, provincial and territorial



governments to strengthen the competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of Canada's agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sector. The agreement includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and \$2.5 billion in cost-shared programs and activities funded 60 per cent by the federal government and 40 per cent by provincial/territorial governments for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories. The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership provided \$330,000 to support Agriculture in the Classroom activities in Newfoundland and Labrador in 2025-2026.

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